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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see remarks, filed November 8, 2005, with respect to s 1-34 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The Non-Final Office Action of March 6, 2006 has been withdrawn.

2. Applicants representative called April 12, 2006 and indicated that there was a lack or response to the Arguments/Remarks filed November 8, 2005 concerning the 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejection of Suzuki et al (Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 08-048595) in view of Timans et al., (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0149715 A1), namely the pulsed heating for removing the native oxide with a halogen gas. The Examiner has reconsidered Applicants Arguments.

Allowable Subject Matter

- 3. Claims 1-7, 9-12, 14-17, 19-23, 26-31, 33 and 34 allowed.
- 4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art does not anticipate removing a native oxide using a halogen gas with pulsed heating.
- 5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Conclusion

- 6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to W. David Coleman whose telephone number is 571-272-1856. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:00 AM 5:30 PM.
- 7. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matt Smith can be reached on 571-272-1907. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.
- 8. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see http://pair-direct.uspto.gov. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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